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SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TONGA

REF: (A) STATE 40976, (B) SUVA 387

1. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN
REF. B, THAT IS, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE U.S.
RELATIONSHIP WITH TONGA. AS YOU WELL KNOW, I HAVE
LONG ADVOCATED THE APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENT AMBASSADOR
IN FIJI WHO WOULD BE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TONGA. I
APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW
ENCOUNTERED IN ATTEMPTING TO ACCREDIT THE NEW
AMBASSADOR TO TONGA AS WELL AS TO FIJI, AND UNTIL THOSE
DIFFICULTIES ARE RESOLVED, I AM IN FULL AGREEMENT
WITH THE DEPARTMENT THAT I SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE
ACCREDITED TO TONGA. ALSO, IF THE DEPARTMENT FEELS IT
WILL BE HELPFUL, I WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS THIS
MATTER WITH THE CHAIRMAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WHEN I AM IN
WASHINGTON IN JUNE.

2. SINCE I CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS
HAVING TO DO WITH TONGA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CONSULAR
AFFAIRS (REF. A), IT IS CLEAR TO ME, AND I TRUST TO
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SUVA AND THE DEPARTMENT, THAT ALL OTHER ACTIVITY THERE
IS AND SHOULD BE UNDER MY JURISDICTION. THE
DEPARTMENT'S AFFIRMATION OF THIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEW AID REPRESENTATIVE WHO
WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY IN SUVA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE ALSO
FOR AID PROJECTS IN TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA. NEEDLESS

TO SAY, I WILL EXPECT THAT AID ACTIVITIES IN THE
COUNTRIES TO WHICH I AM ACCREDITED BE FULLY CLEARED
WITH ME. SELDEN

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